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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
CONTROLLING ADDITIONS OF POWDER  
MATERIALS INTO THE BATH OF AN  
ELECTROLYTIC CELL INTENDED FOR  
ALUMINIUM PRODUCTION

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Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.